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Operations research seeks F/A 18 pilots for artificial intelligence studies

Approximately 20 Navy and Marine Corps pilots with F/A-18 experience are needed by the operations research department over the next few months, to serve as "experts" for an artificial intelligence system under development for the F/A-18. The expert system, called the Intelligent Air Attack System (IAAS), is being designed under the sponsorship of the Naval Weapons Center, China Lake.

Intended for fleet introduction in the early 1990's, IAAS will use rules obtained from experienced F/A-18 pilots to provide assistance during high stress, high workload portions of ship attack missions. According to operations research Prof. Judy Lind, primary functions of IAAS will be classifying ship targets, stores management assistance, and alerting pilots to missiles in the air while suggesting optimum evasive maneuvers and countermeasures.

Pilots with operational experience are needed to furnish and to validate information about typical F/A-18 missions, including the tasks performed during various mission phases, the tasks which might be automated, and the information pilots use to make decisions and to complete tasks.

"Data will be collected between November and March, requiring less than 10 hours total, spread over about 5 sessions, for each participant. Individual sessions will be arranged at the convenience of participants," Lind said.

To volunteer or obtain further information, contact Lind at ext. 3300 by November 15th.

Military housing opens door to all ranks

Are you E-3 or below? More specifically, do you have dependents? If you meet these two requirements and have been worrying about locating an affordable place to live, take heart.

As a result of a fleetwide policy change, you and your family are now eligible for military family housing. And despite your Priority 4 designation, "chances are very good for immediate occupancy," according to NPS Housing Director Greg Murphy, "due to our current vacancy status of 130 (housing units) below the quota."

If you're interested, complete an application using Form DD 1746 and submit it to the NPS housing office.

In brief...

The sound of music will fill King Hall tonight, and it's still not too late to get your tickets for the Jazz Ambassadors concert. The Jazz Ambassadors are the Army's official touring jazz ensemble. Tickets are free and available from the Monterey Chamber of Commerce.

Drivers are reminded that pedestrians crossing the street within any marked crosswalk have the right-of-way. California law requires that drivers yield that right-of-way to pedestrians using a crosswalk.

Fifth Avenue is the main thoroughfare from the Third Street Gate to the Del Monte Gate. All traffic on that street has the right-of-way, except for those vehicles making left turns. Vehicles making left turns must yield to oncoming traffic.

The DLI Pancultural Orchestra offers a "Musical Salute" to the Army, Navy, Air Force and Marines in a concert next Wednesday, Oct. 29 in the Steinbeck Forum room of the Monterey Conference Center. Admission is free for the concert, which will begin at 1930.

From the Superintendent

by RADM Robert C. Austin

A FLAGPOLE CALLED THESIS

Why a thesis at Monterey? It was a question that was asked during the Inspector General's visit, not to say that the thesis shouldn't be here, but simply to examine its purpose.

When you examine the reasons for it, you find that the thesis serves very much the purpose of a flagpole. A flagpole is a structure to hoist the emblem which represents our aspirations, an emblem which we honor by our salutes. Similarly, the thesis represents students' ability to take their learning, apply it with the richness of their sea-going experience and direct themselves toward an aspiring path of future contributions.

As a stanchion upon which to raise our aspirations, the thesis is important to all hands.

An officer's career aspirations in the Navy and other armed services may be realized in some small part by completion of work here at the Naval Postgraduate School. Some of the thesis projects will stand with enormous merit because of their immediate contributions. Others may represent banners yet to be flown in the Navy's future. But in each case the flagpole -- the thesis -- represents the quality of graduate education at the Postgraduate School.

Merits of the thesis

The thesis serves to couple sea experience with academic experience. It also is a process which assists the faculty in staying at the forefront of knowledge in which they are expert. For both the officers assigned to study here and the faculty, it represents an ability to contribute to the Navy. The thesis, with proper introspection, allows us to see whether the elements of a given curricular path all add up to make sense in terms of Navy needs.

Can it be improved? You bet it can. We can have a smart "raising of the colors" at the start of the thesis -- making a more timely launch into thesis pursuits. We can probably ensure better closure -- completing the thesis in a timely manner and smartly "taking down the colors" at the end of the academic program.

The thesis in the Navy's future

As a stanchion upon which to raise our aspirations high and to salute what is accomplished here, the thesis is important to all hands. I trust and believe that the banners supported by the thesis flagpole will fly for a number of years as your work accomplished at the Postgraduate School helps to forge the Navy's future.

Marines to establish "beachhead" in McNitt Ballroom

The 211th anniversary of the founding of the U. S. Marine Corps will be celebrated with a formal ball on Saturday, Nov. 15, in the Barbara McNitt Ballroom.

Reserve, retired, former Marines and friends of the corps are invited to join Marines of NPS in celebrating the occasion. The guest of honor will be BGEN David V. Shuter, deputy commander of the first marine amphibious force.

Dress is evening dress "B" or dress blue "A" for marine officers, equivalent dress uniform for officers of other services, and black tie for civilians.

Cost for the evening will be \$ 39.00 for couples or \$24.50 for singles. Reservations for the ball should be made by Oct. 31.

For information on reservations and seating contact CPT Grant Holcomb at 646-0134. Other questions should be directed to MAJ Randy Cotten at 646-2116 or 384-5706.

Military awards

RADM Robert C. Austin will present the following awards at a ceremony to be held Friday, Oct. 24 at 1430 in the Quarterdeck Lounge.

Defense Meritorious Service Medal
LCDR John C. Corbett, USN

Meritorious Service Medal
CPT James D. Ploen, USA

Joint Service Commendation Medal
LT Robert A. House, USN

Navy Commendation Medal
LT Ronald T. Allen, USN
MAJ Theodore H. Barrow, USMC
LT David M. Fitzgerald, SC, USN
(second award)

Navy Achievement Medal
LT Robert J. Birdwell, SC, USN
(second award)
LT Terry K. Gantenbein, USN
CPT George W. Hinckley, USMC
LT Kevin C. Ketchmark, USN

Civiscoop

With this issue "Civiscoop" makes its return to the NPS campus. Each forthcoming issue of "the Quarterdeck" will carry "Civiscoop" in this spot. Written by the staff of the civilian personnel office, "Civiscoop" will offer a variety of news and information for the civilian employees of NPS and its tenant commands.

The next FEBH "Open Season" is scheduled for 10 November through 5 December 1986. This is your opportunity to change your enrollment status and/or change health benefit plans. As soon as CPO receives the Comparison Charts we will forward one to each eligible employee. If you have any questions regarding health benefits, please contact Ms. Lane Bednash at X3052.

New employees

Pamela L. Minhas, operations research; Mildred Petty, comptroller; Patricia Basco, correspondence and records.

Training courses

Title	Date	Eligible	Cost
Coaching & Counseling	30 Oct	Spvsrs & mgrs	\$8.50
Performance Appraisals	6 Nov	Spvsrs & mgrs	\$8.50
Writing Effectively	20 Nov	All employees	\$8.50
Making Effective Presentations	4 Dec	All employees	\$8.50

Call Liz Clark, ext. 3052, for more information

Job announcements

Applications for the following vacancies are now being accepted in the Civilian Personnel Office. Consult the Merit Staffing Program Announcement in your department for further information.

Position & Announcement #	Location	Grade	Closing Date
Librarian #86-45	Library	GS-9	Open until filled
Aerospace Engineering Technician #86-46.1	Aeronautics	GS-7/8/9	Open until filled
Boiler Plant Operator #86-60	Public Works	WG-10	Open until filled
Computer Specialist #86-61	FNOC	GS-12	14 Nov 86
Supervisory Librarian #86-62	Library	GS-11	14 Nov 86
Purchasing Agent (Typing) #86-63	Supply	GS-5	29 Oct 86
Electronics Technician #86-64	Electrical and Computer Engrg	GS-11	6 Nov 86
Secretary (Typing)	Various	GS-3/4/5	Open continuously
Clerk Typist	Various	GS-4	Open continuously
Printing Officer #86-32.2	Educational Media	GS-9	Until filled

Calendar

OCTOBER

-27 TO 31-
KING HALL/SP-101A
12TH DARPA STRATEGIC SYSTEMS
CONFERENCE
(POC: CINDY MAFFEI, X2426)

-29-
1600, TOWER ROOM
NPS PERSONAL FINANCE CLUB
(POC: LCDR KRIEGL, X3060)

-30 TO 31-
VISIT BY
RADM D. BRUCE CARGILL,
DIR, NAVY SPACE SYSTEMS
SPACE SYSTEMS
CURRICULAR REVIEW
(POC: LT HORTON, X2513)

-31-
1200, LA NOVIA ROOM
NPS TOASTMASTERS
(POC: KEN POLLAK, 647-4355)

NOVEMBER

-7-
1200, LA NOVIA ROOM
NPS TOASTMASTERS
(POC: KEN POLLAK, 647-4355)

-12 TO 14-
IN-122
MILITARY OPERATIONS
RESEARCH SOCIETY WORKSHOP
(POC: CINDY MAFFEI, X2426)

-13 TO 14-
SP-101A
NCIST WORKSHOP
ASSESSING UNCERTAINTY
(POC: PROF. WEINBERG, X3466)

OSWC sponsors

Christmas bazaar

As Santa's elves continue to work towards their big night, members of the NPS community will prepare their handcrafted wares to sell. The annual Christmas Craft Bazaar, sponsored by the Officer Student Wives' Club, will be held Saturday, Nov. 8 from 1000-1500 in the Barbara McNitt Ballroom. For more information contact Cindy Westbrook at 373-1974.

Sports Beat

Last year's NPS intramural volleyball champions, the Sea Knights are off to a winning start. The Sea Knights defeated DEERS 15-3, 15-9 to open this year's volleyball action. The Sea Knights also defeated the Cubers 15-2, 15-8 to take a half game lead over the International Team in the early stages of "A" league volleyball action.

The International Team is also undefeated in their only outing, as they defeated the Doormats 15-2, 15-6. In other action, the Cubers defeated Chicken Parts 15-5, 15-6. The Chicken Parts totally fell apart in their second game as the Doormats made nuggets out of them 15-1, 15-3.

PSD, the Diplomats, Starburst, Waves (1) and Randovevits all opened the volleyball "B" league with victories. The Waves (1) tipped off their season with a 15-10, 15-13, 13-5 win over Black Sheep. In the second game of the night, PSD caught the wave as they rolled to a 15-12, 15-1 victory over Waves (2). The Diplomats opened the season diplomatically using the political stratagem of nonappeasement. After losing the first game 14-16, they came back to win the remaining sets 15-9 and 4-2 in their bid against the Steamers. In other games, CITH also defeated the Steamers 15-11, 15-3 and 9-2. Starburst nipped Just Friends 15-11, 15-12 and Randovevits defeated Cubits (2) 15-1, 15-8.

The NPS basketball team enjoyed another victory over a visiting ship. This time the USS Denver became victim number six for the NPS team as they netted a 99-79 victory. Marvin Knight and T. J. Johnson led the NPS team with 22 and 20 points respectively.

If tennis is your game, and if you belong to the NPS Tennis Association, then you probably know about the upcoming NPS tennis tournament. If you love tennis but have found little opportunity to show your affection, forget the flowers and say it by entering this event. The tournament will be played Nov. 8-9 and 15-16 at the NPS and La Mesa tennis courts. Entry fee is \$7 for singles and \$10 for doubles. If you're not a member of the NPS tennis club but you would like to play in the tournament, you are welcome to become a fellow member. For more information contact Dave Brunner at 422-7687.

The NPS golf team completed league play in the Central Pacific Sports Conference championship. When it was all over, the NPS team had captured the league title, a first for an NPS team.

A good deal of credit for this achievement belongs to team captain AGCS Paul D. Belt and co-captain AGCM Robert F. Frazier, both of FNOC. Other vital contributors were CAPT Warren Chellman (NPS), LT Joseph Cronauer (NPS), AG1 Kurt Elliot (FNOC), CAPT James Johnson (NPS), LT Judson Knecht (NPS), CDR Edwin Maas (FNOC), LCDR James Raymond (NMAU/POM), LT Richard Rowan (NPS), DP2 Robert Sanders (FNOC), LCDR Robert Vint (NPS), and LT William Welch (NPS).

Rec news

A co-ed softball tournament will be held this weekend at Sparks Field. Catch the action!

The Rec Dept. has tickets for Disneyland Military Days at \$13.95 each. The ticket is good only on weekdays in October, but will be good for any day in November and December.

Tours and Travel - Fort Ord offers the following tours during November 1986:

8	San Francisco Shopping Tour	\$14
11	Bay Meadows Horse Racing	\$20
15-16	Rams vs. Patriots	\$63
22	Tahoe Turnaround and Ice Capades	\$22 \$18
26-30	Southern California Fling	\$125

For more information on the above tours call 242-3092.

Classified ads

Ads may be submitted in person or via regular/guard mail, and must reach the public affairs office no later than noon Monday for publication in that week's issue.

Ads will be run on a first come, first served basis. Please notify the PAO of any ad cancellations by calling ext. 2023. Ads will be run for a maximum of two weeks unless resubmitted.

'76 TOYOTA CORONA, as is, with child's seat. \$975. Call 375-7656.

'78 AIRSTREAM TRAILER: 28', immaculate condition. Full amenities with full rear bath. New tires and curtains. \$12,500. Call 646-9651.

'74 VW DASHER WAGON, am/fm/cass, radial tires, \$800. Call 899-0854.

'80 TOYOTA CELICA GT, silver, 5-sp, tilt wheel, sun roof, a/c, am/fm/cass, low mi, new brakes, \$3995. Call Vasi, 373-7256.

LOST: CANNON SURE SHOT 35MM CAMERA in Murrell & Spruance Rd area. \$500 reward, 375-2209.

WURLITZER SPINET PIANO, exc cond. 394-2026 after 5 p.m.